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Ms. Nancy Lummen Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.
NVS-200, Room W45-306
Washington, DC 20590.

Re: Part 573 Defect Information Report

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Pursuant to the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Safety Act of 1996 and 49 CFR Part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Responsibilities and Reports, we hereby submit this report to advise you of a potential safety-related defect that may exist in certain CODA vehicles.

573.6(c)(1): Manufacturer's Name

CODA Automotive
2340 S. Fairfax Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90016

573.6(c)(2): Identification of Affected Motor Vehicles

Based on an internal investigation, we have determined the population of potentially affected vehicles to be as follows:

Make	Model Year	Model	VIN Range
CODA	2012	CODA	53G1U4A48CB000004- 53G1U4A48CB000289

573.6(c)(3): Total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect:

117 vehicles

573.6(c)(4): Percentage of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect:

Unknown



573.6(c)(5) Description of Defect:

Summary: During a NHTSA side impact test, although found to be compliant, the driver's side curtain airbag did not deploy as intended due to a supplier manufacturing defect with the curtain airbag. It was determined the supplier incorrectly rolled the airbag during production. Certain 2012MY CODA vehicles may have this condition. There are no known incidents or injuries relating to this condition.

Detail: The side curtain airbags are intended to help minimize or reduce harm to the head of an occupant seated adjacent to the doors on the side of the impact, in the event of a side impact requiring the deployment of the airbag. If the curtain airbag is not installed properly, it may deploy improperly, thereby reducing its effectiveness.

573.6(c)(6) Chronology of Principal Events

March 2013: During NHTSA testing, the driver-side curtain airbag improperly deployed. This led to an investigation that found that the driver-side curtain airbag was assembled incorrectly at the supplier prior to being installed on the subject vehicle. Completion of the investigation was affected by the reductions in staff caused by the financial difficulties of the company which resulted in its filing for Chapter 11 protection on May 1, 2013. On May 7th, 2013 CODA completed its investigation and decided to launch a voluntary recall.

573.6(c)(8)(i) Program for remedying the defect:

The owners of all affected vehicles will be notified by mail and asked to take their vehicle to a CODA authorized dealer. The dealer will replace both roof mounted side curtain airbags with new supplier certified side curtain airbags. The repairs, will be performed free of charge for all vehicles involved in this campaign.

573.6(c)(8)(ii): Estimated Dates:

The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers is May 31st 2013 (day after Submission to NHTSA).

The estimated date to provide service bulletins to dealers is June 4th 2013.

The estimated date to begin sending notification to owners is June 11th 2013 (within 60 days of submission to NHTSA).

The estimated date of completion of the notification is June 14th 2013

573.6(c)(10): Representative copies of Communications with dealers or purchasers

A copy of all communications will be provided to NHTSA on June 3rd 2013.

573.6(c)(11): Manufacturer's Campaign Identification Number

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Should you have any questions about this report, please do not hesitate to contact me at 323-557-1507.

Sincerely,
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Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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